

SUCCESS STORY ON CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAM UNDER FOCUS-SERCHHIP

PROFILE

Name of Activity: Construction of Check Dam and Water Storage Structure
(Protection of water source)

Name of Village: East Lungdar

District : Serchhip

Amount : Rs 70,500 per unit (3 units per village)

East Lungdar Checkdam is constructed above community water storage in the village under the initiation of CCA Chairman cum Village Council President. This checkdam serves mainly for conservation of water from the intake. VCP Mr. Lalngaizuala have mentioned that below this there are farmers who engaged in Settled agriculture therefore construction of the dam increases the availability of water for irrigation of their farm crops. He also thanked FOCUS staff for constructing one of the most essential needs of the villagers. The stored water is being extensively used for water supply and irrigation purposes.

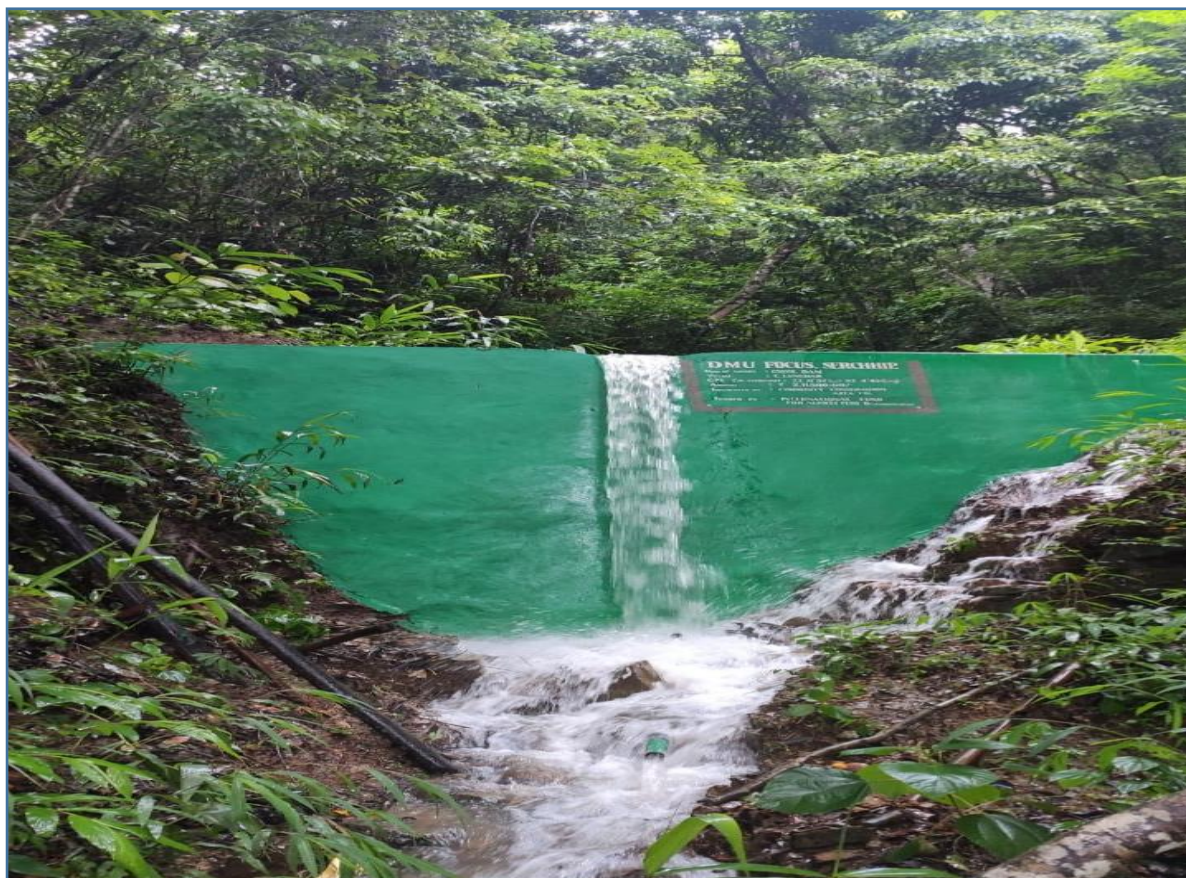


Fig: The water momentarily stagnant in the Check Dam at Thinglian village is collected in the storage structure constructed below it.

- The amount and period of water availability will be increased, thus increasing the number and continuity of working days across the The rain water has been checked after construction of the dam and increases the availability of water for irrigation of their farm crops and for domestic use.
- In villages where Rabi season crops could not be cultivated due to unavailability of water during this period, water could be stored from the check dam + storage structures constructed for utilization to raise Rabi crops.
- season.
- The increase in water availability increases water use efficiency.
- As farmers themselves were engaged in the whole process, including women, this inculcates a sense of responsibility and community purpose for the village.